

# Parents flock to open day

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**T**he open day of Chan Shu Kui Memorial School focused on promoting the use of both English and Chinese as the language of instruction.

"School Celebration and Parents and Teachers Carnival 2001", which attracted hundreds of parents, alumni and guests, was a success thanks to the joint efforts of students, teachers and staff.

Parents and alumni were introduced to the importance and advantages of bilingual teaching.

The school has been holding open days for 28 years since it was set up, but a theme for the event has only been adopted since last year.

Last year's open day featured the themes of environmental education and information technology and was an overwhelming success.

William Lam Hin-kwong, pre-

## Event focuses on advantages of bilingual teaching

fect of studies, said in view of the challenges posed by the education reforms, the school believes that students would benefit most from the use of both English and Chinese in class.

"We want to provide parents with a better understanding of using English and Chinese to teach, and the pros and cons, as it is an important issue in education," he said.

The open day featured seminars on the use of English and Chinese in teaching.

The seminars were hosted by Professor Li Ka-tsui of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) and Dr Cheung Yin-mei of CUHK's Education Institute.

Dr Kwong Tsan-kun of City



Top honour . . . actor Cheung Tat-ming is appointed as the alumni association's founding chairman. Picture by MAY TSE

University explored with parents the potential of using the mother tongue to facilitate the learning of foreign languages.

The open day also featured a number of exhibitions on the topic.

A number of game stalls and exhibition counters were set up, such as the English Corner, the Putonghua Corner and the Chinese Corner.

The highlight of the event was

the inauguration ceremony of the school's official alumni association with actor and stand-up comedian Cheung Tat-ming appointed as its founding chairman.

There used to be a loosely-organised alumni association, but the school would like to establish stronger ties with old students.

"It's my great privilege to be appointed as the founding chairman of the alumni association.

Today I come back after so many years and the school brings back a lot of happy memories," Cheung said.

He said for the past six months, alumni, teachers and the school management had worked very hard to re-organise the alumni association.

He also praised teachers and students for their enthusiasm in and dedication in organising the open day.